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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Two Conditions

THE return to Paris of the French Defence Minister and the Secretary of State for War after month-long tour of Indo-China naturally prompts speculation as to whether the things they saw and the information they gleaned have moved them to any definite convictions either in favour of continuing the war or preference for a more vigorous prosecution of the campaign for a truce. It is necessary of course, to appreciate that the two Ministers have been presented with a new factor since they set off on their visit to Indo-China—the decision of the Big Four to call a meeting in Geneva next month at which it is highly probable the Indo-China situation will be discussed and the possibility of reaching an armistice explored. Moreover, the two Ministers will learn now that they have returned home that French willingness to negotiate a truce is based on the fulfilment of two preliminary conditions. One is that the French must be in a strong enough military position to indulge in negotiations; the other that the Communists accept a "free and democratic Indo-China" according to Western interpretation. So far none of the several armistice overtures from the Communist side of the battle lines has contained what the French consider to be an "honest" offer to recognise the second premise, and this has stimulated more talk of "victory" and of the French winning the upper hand.

ON the other hand, given the circumstances which the French are seeking, there is little doubt that Paris would eagerly grasp the opportunity to halt the Indo-China war. Purely from the viewpoint of her own security France is naturally anxious to be able to disengage her troops from Indo-China and leave defence responsibilities to the growing Vietnam Army. This point was underscored yesterday by M. Pleven when he observed that he and his fellow Minister "found Vietnamese leaders fully conscious that independence cannot be achieved by the transfer of civil services. It necessarily involves the gradual transfer of the main burden of military defence." It is, in fact, the accepted policy of the French Government to enlarge the Vietnam armed services, through American assistance, so that the Associated States can look after their own problems of maintaining internal security and order. It is discernible that this policy is being tuned to meet the clearly growing popular demand in France for a cease-fire on terms similar to those of the Korean armistice.

WASHINGTON SHOOTING DRAMA

Congressmen Wounded By Hail Of Bullets THE FULL STORY OF AN UNPARALLELED INCIDENT

Washington, Mar. 1.

Two men and a woman shot down five members of the House of Representatives with volleys of pistol shots from the visitors' gallery today.

Two members, Mr Alvin Bentley, of Michigan, and Mr Ben Jensen, of Iowa, dropped down in pools of blood and are believed critically wounded.

Police and door-keepers grabbed the attackers after they had fired 20 to 25 shots that sent the Speaker and members diving for cover. The three were shouting demands for freedom for Puerto Rico, American dependency in the Gulf of Florida.

Police are understood to be searching for two more women and a number of men. They threw roadblocks round the city and hurried squads to Union Station, Washington's railway terminal.

A high police official said those responsible for the shooting were believed to be members of the same extremist Puerto Rican organisation which tried to assassinate President Truman at Blair House, Washington, in November 1950.

He said four people were being held.

Mr Boyd Crawford, Clerk of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who tackled one of the gunmen as he dashed from the gallery, told reporters: "I saw him with a smoking gun, so I just grabbed and hung on. We were struggling for the gun and I was trying to keep it from the direction of the other people milling around."

A house page boy, Lee Thomas, said he saw one of the men coming out with a pistol and with someone hanging on to his arm. "I lashed out and hit the Puerto Rican on the jaw and he dropped the gun," he said. "Then we paled on him."

A man who was in the gallery said three people who looked like foreigners sat down behind him—"then right by my ear it was just bang, bang, bang" and my wife was screaming "the woman has a gun."

A few minutes after the shooting Mr E. Martin, the Speaker, resumed the rostrum, asked the members to take their seats and formally adjourned the House. Soon afterwards G-men moved in and began looking for gunmen.

The attackers, who were close by the press gallery, rose shouting: "My country is not free. Free Puerto Rico." Then holding their pistols in both hands they opened fire. The woman was said to have fired at the ceiling.

The wounded members of the House included Mr Kenneth Roberts of Alabama, who was carried out on a stretcher, Mr George Fallon of Maryland and Mr Clifford Davis of Tennessee.

The shooting began just as the House had finished voting on the "Weback" Bill to permit the United States to recruit Mexican farm labour.

As police rushed the gunmen to police headquarters, one threw a Puerto Rican flag into the air.

The police said the four people being held were Lolita Lebron, 34, Rafael Maranda, 25, Andres Cordero, 29, and Irving Flores, all giving New York city addresses.

SHOT IN CHEST

Mr Alvin Bentley was shot in the chest.

While Mr Bentley lay on the floor near the Speaker's platform, two doctor members of the House knelt by his side. Police seized the gun men as they tried to reload.

Police threw one of the men to the floor to hold him down.

The wounded members were comforted by others as the House doctor was called.

The chamber quickly emptied as the shots rang out.

Spectators in the gallery dropped to the floor.

The three men used both hands on the pistols, raised in a half crouch position from their seats.

A third wounded member, Mr Kenneth Roberts, of Alabama, was carried from the chamber on a stretcher.

The other two casualties were Mr George Fallon, of Maryland, and Mr Jenson, of Iowa.

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The Speaker of the House, Mr Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, who was presiding, ducked for cover with other members and visitors in the gallery.

Several shots pierced the roof of the newly decorated house chamber. One tore a piece from the desk of the House Majority Leader, Mr Charles Halleck, seated at his desk; at the time, was not hurt.

HIT IN LEG

Mr Davis, hit in the left leg, remained in a seat, being treated by a nurse, after the wounded were removed to hospital.

One of the gunmen was grabbed by a doorkeeper, Mr Mathew Fardella, when he tried to reload.

Mr Fardella caught him and pulled him out into the corridor. Another doorkeeper, Mr Charles Santoro, also joined Mr Fardella in subduing the man.

Opinion differed as to whether others, in addition to the two men and the woman, fired shots.

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Has 50-50 Chance

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Rep. Alvin M. Bentley underwent an exploratory operation at casualty hospital about five hours after the shooting. Dr. Clarence Stanley White, who performed the surgery, said that he "is over the operation" and has a "50-50 chance" to live.

"He's in the hands of the Lord now," the surgeon told reporters. —United Press.

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White House Alerted

Washington, Mar. 1.

The shooting on Capitol Hill caused an immediate alert at the White House today.

The guards at all seven entrances to the White House and its grounds were notified by telephone of the incident.

Members of the White House secret service moved rapidly to maintain tight guard at all entrances.

Secret servicemen vividly remembered that the last outbreak of Puerto Rican nationalist violence here was an attempt on Nov. 1, 1950, to assassinate former President Truman at Blair House.—United Press.

Wounded Man's Story

Washington, Mar. 1.

"I think I got hit before I heard the shooting," said Rep. George H. Fallon (Democrat, Maryland) from his hospital bed today.

Rep. Fallon, apparently in good spirits after receiving a painful hip wound in today's shooting spree, thought he felt a "burning" and the bullet "spun" me around."

"I think I got hit before I heard the shooting," he said. "I looked up and saw those guns firing."

Rep. Fallon said the force of the gunshot apparently knocked his right leg from under him and he fell between the seats on the House floor.

"I stayed there until the shooting stopped," he said and added:

"I reached back and came up with a handful of blood."

"I just couldn't believe it happened — when I was lying there on the floor, I couldn't believe it was happening," he said. "He added he stayed on the House floor until some of his colleagues discovered I needed some help — they helped move me into the cloak room."

Rep. Fallon said he did not lose consciousness or seem to be suffering from shock and "the only time I got shaky was when they gave me shots."

Rep. Fallon recalled that Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. was just about to complete a standing vote on a Mexican border bill when the gunfire started.

Two men and one woman were taken from the Capitol to Washington police headquarters. It was understood that police were still looking for two more women.

Congressman Benjamin James of Pennsylvania exclaimed when the shooting began: "My God, this is real."

SPRAY OF BULLETS

Another Congressman said bullets were sprayed across the House floor to the left of the Speaker, Mr Joseph Martin.

He estimated there were 20 to 25 shots altogether.

He said he raced up to the gallery to the left of the Speaker and seized one of the men who had been firing a German Luger automatic.

Police threw roadblocks around the city to prevent the escape of others thought to be implicated in the shooting.

Extra police were also sent to Union Station, the only rail terminal in the city.

Mr W. C. Bishop, Republican, Illinois, gave this eyewitness account of the shooting:

"We had just finished voting on the 'Weback' bill, a bill regarding the admission of Mexican labourers to the United States, and Speaker Martin still had the gavel in his hand after announcing the vote.

"When the shooting first broke out, I thought they were camouflage blanks."

"But when I heard the bullets, I knew they were real."

"I went to call the stevedores. I saw the flashes from the guns from these people in the gallery."

"There were 15 or 20 shots."

The woman was holding a gun in both hands and swinging it around.

"She was firing promiscuously."

Five Congressmen were hit.

"The Congressmen hit were not involved in any way in the 'Weback' bill."

Mr Boyd Crawford, the Clerk of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, tackled one of the gunmen as he dashed from the gallery.

He told reporters: "I saw him with a smoking gun, so I just grabbed and hung on. We were struggling for the gun and I was trying to keep it from the direction of the other people milling around."

—United Press.

DENIES REPORT

Lahore, Mar. 1.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, denied tonight that he had resigned.

Commenting on a press report that he had resigned on instructions from the head of the Ahmadiyya sect of Moslems, of which he is a member, he said: "There is no foundation in it."

—Reuters.

NO SURVIVORS

Newcastle, Northern Ireland, Mar. 1.

Two men were aboard a Western Airlines plane missing since Friday, and found dead.

He told reporters: "I saw him with a smoking gun, so I just grabbed and hung on. We were struggling for the gun and I was trying to keep it from the direction of the other people milling around."

—United Press.

Trapped in Wrecked Lorry



A schoolgirl was killed and another seriously injured when this heavy lorry crashed through the parapet of a bridge and plunged into the river near Morlaix, Brittany, France. The driver was trapped for several hours in the overturned truck. —London Express.

Socialists Oppose Arms Programme

London, March 1. The Labour Party decided tonight to table a motion in the House of Commons tomorrow criticising the Conservative Government's £1,639 million arms programme for 1954-55.

The decision was made at a meeting called to shape the opposition's line for tomorrow's debate.

In the discussion the Government will ask the House of Commons to approve its programme for the coming financial year.

The motion adopted tonight regrets that the Government has made no proposals for a reduction in the length of compulsory national service.

The motion also says that while the Labour Party in no way departs from its resolve to ensure adequate defence, it regrets that the Government has failed to make a proper allocation of national resources between defence and economic needs.

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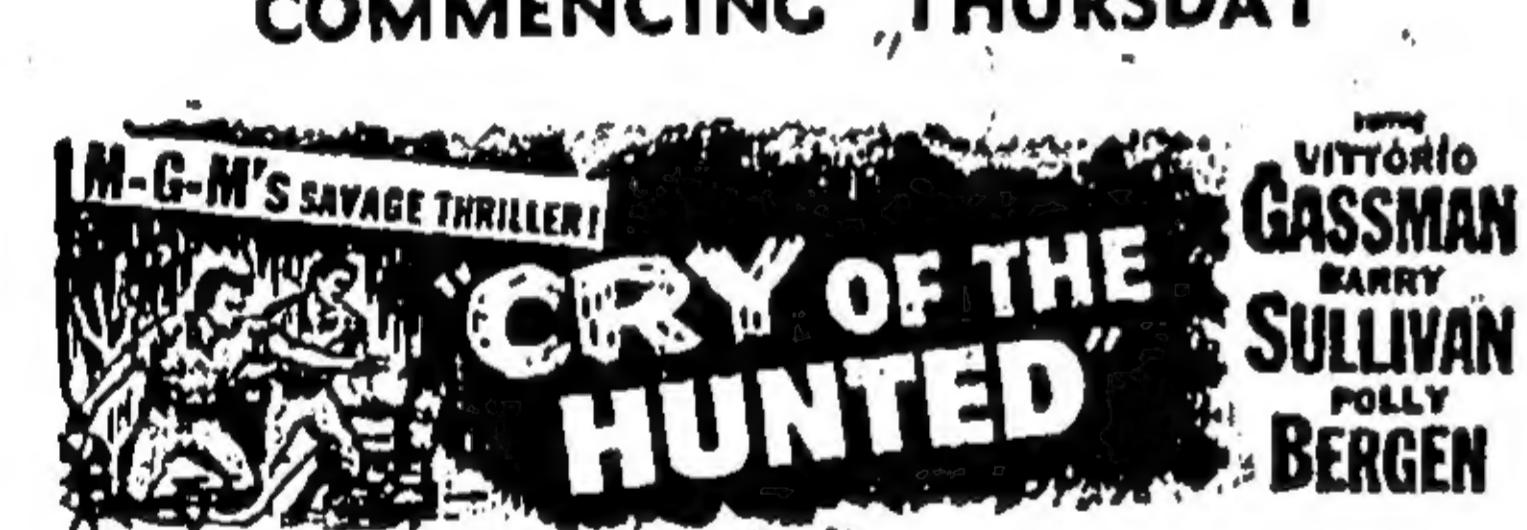
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1,500,000 Meals For Alley Cats

Melbourne, Mar. 1. Mrs. Frances Geddes, 70, a widow, estimates she has provided more than 1,500,000 meals for stray alley cats in the last 23 years.

Mrs. Geddes uses most of her old-age pension, plus small allowances from animal lovers, to buy the scraps of meat she throws to some 200 cats each night. —United Press.

Ollenhauer Wants Guarantee On EDC

Berlin, Mar. 1. The President of the Western German Social Democratic Party, Herr Erich Ollenhauer said today German participation in the European Defence Community could take place only if a convention guaranteed that commitments made by the German Federal Republic would become void in the event of German unification.

Herr Ollenhauer was speaking at a public meeting in Berlin. He said: "It is not enough to have armies and soldiers to defend freedom. This is proved by the struggle waged in Berlin by the Social Democratic party against totalitarian Communism."

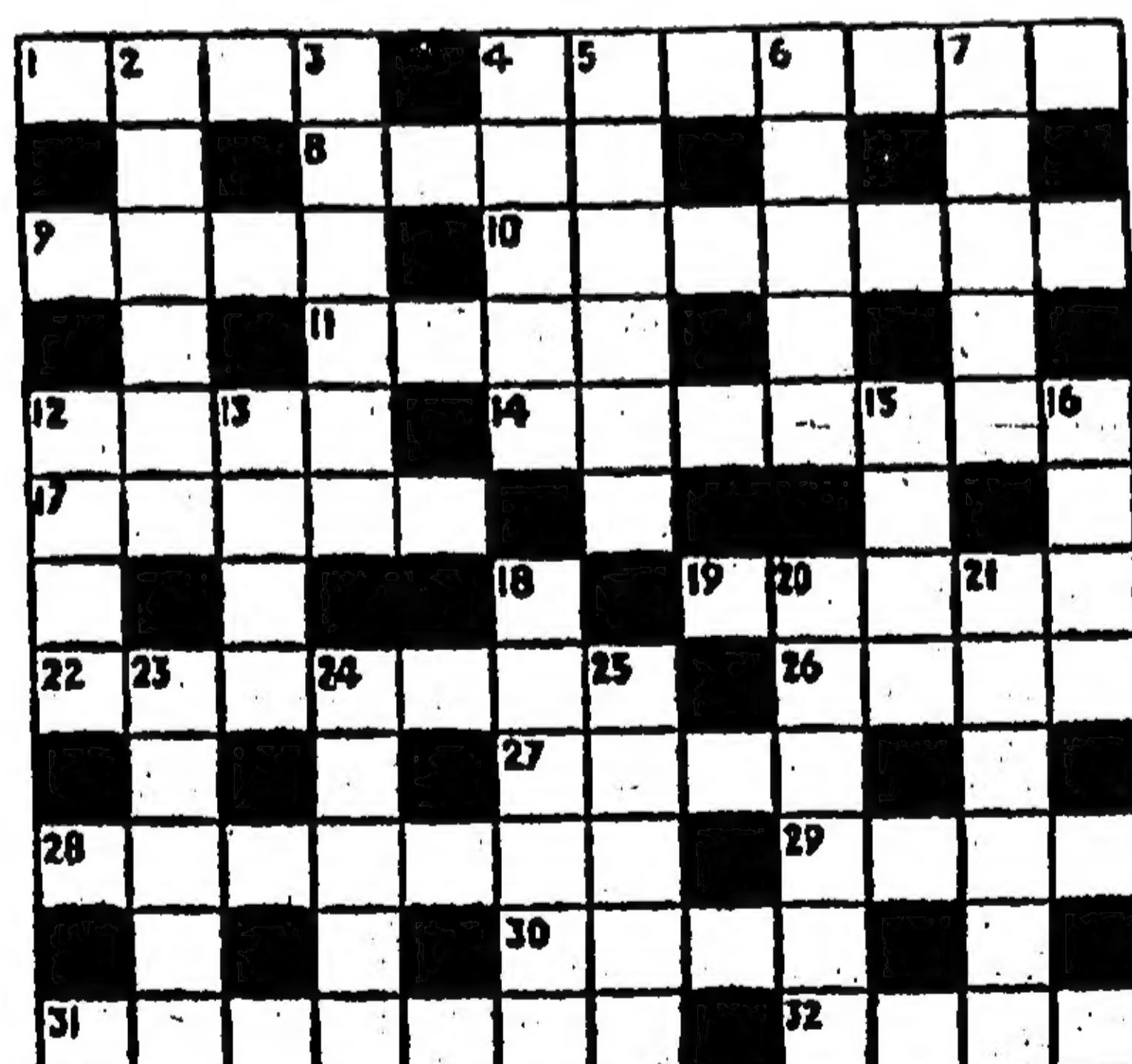
He further rejected allegations that his party was not immune against Communism. He was surprised that "those who were most violent against Bolsheviks had no objection against Franco Spain becoming an ally of the free world."

NO REAL DISCUSSION Herr Ollenhauer said Germany should not become a "partner with a reprieve" in the free world's defense community. He believed that no real discussion had taken place at the Berlin Foreign Ministers' Conference.

A successful negotiation on Germany, required examination of the complex question of free elections and European security with the participation of all Germany. He proposed that the security charter system follow the lines of the United Nations statutes.

He said the European Defence Community did not ensure the security of the Federal Republic specially in consideration of the charges which had occurred in world strategy. He said in any case the Federal Republic's contribution to the EDC should not make German reunification more difficult. —France Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Serene (4).
- 4 Spans (7).
- 8 Clever (4).
- 9 Object of worship (4).
- 10 Incident (7).
- 11 Solitary (4).
- 12 Stratagem (4).
- 14 Moved slowly (7).
- 17 Angry (9).
- 19 Poetry (6).
- 22 Bee (7).
- 26 Go in front (4).
- 27 Cereal (4).
- 28 Musician (7).
- 29 Pal (4).
- 30 Despatched (4).
- 31 Lady of title (7).
- 32 Cast off (4).

DOWN

- 2 Zeal (6).
- 3 Wooden hammer (6).
- 4 Mixture (5).
- 5 Herute (6).
- 6 Given medicine (5).
- 7 Invest with (6).
- 12 Widespread (4).
- 13 Condiment (4).
- 15 Entice (4).
- 16 Exploit (4).
- 18 Female (6).
- 20 Chooses (8).
- 21 Great ceremoniously (6).
- 23 Ingenious (6).
- 24 Equestrian (6).
- 25 Wreaths (5).

Third US Atomic Battery Going To Europe

Washington, Mar. 1.

The Department of the Army announced today that a third atomic battery, consisting of 500 or 600 men and six 280 mm. guns, would be sent to Europe within the next few months. This will bring the number of guns capable of firing atomic missiles available to American forces in Europe and to the Atlantic Pact organization to 18.

The battery is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The exact date of its arrival in Europe was not disclosed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Ropin, 4 Races, 11 Stoen, 12 Item, 15 Regis, 16 Befest, 18 Curved, 20 Sore, 23 Dump, 28 Rank, 29 Voter, 24 Lagger, 27 Sheet, 28 Title, 29 Defend. Down: 1 Stoeness, 2 Befest, 3 Advise, 7 Break, 14 Proven, 8 Mrs, 9 Rollins, 10 Struggles, 15 Simplicity, 17 Huddled, 19 Unrest, 21 Chair, 24 Sure.



Home From Russia

Italian Army Captain Franco Magnani, a prisoner of war recently released by the Russians, kisses the mother of a soldier who died in captivity at Udine, Italy, when he returned home from captivity in Soviet Russia. —Express Photo.

SUDDENLY HE STOPPED HIS CAR:

Soviet General Forgot To Shake Hands

Vienna, Mar. 1. The Commander-in-Chief of Soviet troops in Austria today inspected British troops here for the first time since the war.

Susan Hayward Says

"He Threw Me Into The Swimming Pool"

Burbank, California. Miss Susan Hayward, the film actress, wopt in court as she described how her husband, Mr. Jess Barker, the actor, beat her and threw her into a swimming pool.

She was wearing only a bathrobe at the time—"because I sleep in the raw," she explained.

Miss Hayward said the first time she came to the surface after being ducked she screamed. Barker pushed her under again.

"I thought he was going to kill me," she added.

She managed to crawl from the pool. Because her bathrobe was so heavy with water she discarded it.

Her husband then marched her indoors without clothes, despite the fact that they had guests.

Miss Hayward, who is 33, is petitioning for an order to restrain her 39-year-old husband from molesting her or her mother pending a divorce action.

TWO SPECIAL EXHIBITS AT BIF

Two epic stories of contemporary British adventure will feature in the British Industries Fair this year, according to cable reports from London.

They are the historic conquest of Everest and the long and lonely Arctic research of the British North Greenland Expedition, both made possible by the enterprise of British manufacturers who supplied the material and equipment.

Behind both the Himalayan and Arctic exploits, there is a story of ingenuity and daring by British scientists and workers. The public spotlight will be turned on these "back-room boys" for the first time at the BIF.

In mounting the Everest exhibition at Earls' Court, the BIF have the support of the Royal Geographical Society. The British North Greenland Expedition Committee has given its blessing and co-operation to the Arctic feature, to be staged at Olympia.

At "Earls' Court" and "North Greenland" exhibits from over 80 firms, firms and from scientific, radio and medical institutions will provide a comprehensive display of British industry.

Vietminh Have Not Reached Their Targets Says Pleven

Paris, Mar. 1. France's Defence Minister, M. René Pleven, said on his return from a one-month on-the-spot survey of the Indo-China situation tonight that the coming conference in Geneva was one of the dominant factors in the Indo-China situation.

M. Pleven, who returned by air with Secretary Pierre Chevigne, said two other dominant factors were the military developments in Indo-China and the Franco-Vietminh negotiations opening in Paris next week "to perfect Vietnamese independence."

"Militarily it is incontestable that the Vietminh have so far not reached any of their essential targets."

He said during his trip he had particularly considered the gradual relieving of French forces by the Indo-Chinese national armies.

Franco would not be going without any "trump cards" to the Geneva conference, thanks to the efforts of his sons fighting in Indo-China, said M. Pleven.

PURE GUESSWORK "Public opinion in the Associated States is divided between the desire for peace common to all peoples, and the fear of agreements which would not include solid and lasting guarantees."

M. Pleven said the views he and M. Chevigne had adopted after their survey could not be summed up in a few words as they had made no statement during their trip, and all reports of any conclusions they were supposed to have reached were pure guesswork.

Moreover, the Vietminh was constantly on the lookout for information.

Earlier reports said M. Pleven had brought home to Paris important new plans for defeating the Communist-led Vietminh rebels, and that the plans had been specifically designed to make the fullest possible use of American economic and military aid. —France Presse.

Vatican Clamps Down On Worker-Priests

Paris, Mar. 1. A ten-year-old experiment by more than 100 French priests to spread Christianity among the working classes ended today on orders of the Vatican.

The "worker-priests" have been employed as factory hands, dock workers and coal miners to give them closer contact with industrial workers. From now on they may devote more than three hours daily to manual tasks.

As he drove off General Berlioz suddenly stopped his car and jumped out to shake hands with a British Colonel he had apparently forgotten when leaving. —Reuter.

Limitation of their work was ordered after charges that some worker-priests had sworn to Communism instead of winning converts to Christianity.

The Vatican order has caused considerable controversy in France among Church groups as well as laymen. The Dominican (Catholic) Order claim that eight million French working men and women have become "de-Christianised" and need missionary work.

Supporters of the Vatican stand reply that the Church's mission is to "keep Christianity alive where it exists." —Reuter.

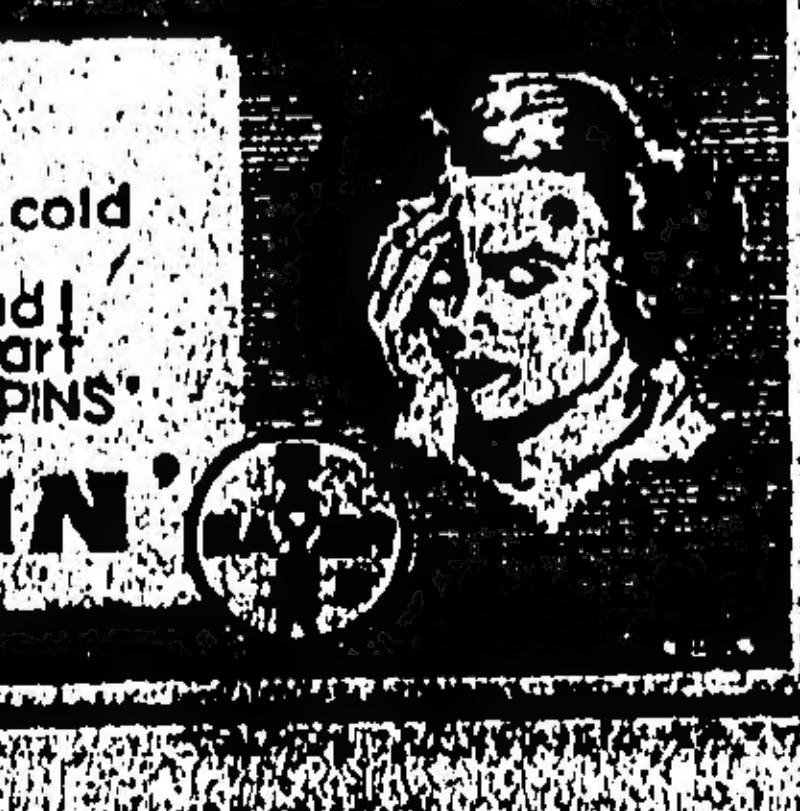
Plan For London Car Parks

A plan for building 210 million worth of multi-storeyed and underground garages has been approved by the London County Council according to London cables.

The committee consists of five members representing all parties but the Communists.

The one-House Parliament of 52 includes 21 Catholics and 18 Socialists—who form the Government—eight Liberals and four Communists. All parties except the Communists have already indicated that they will vote in favour of the Bill.

To comply with tradition, the vote will take place immediately after the voting on the Treaty, by the Belgian Senate, due to take place within the next two weeks. —Reuter.



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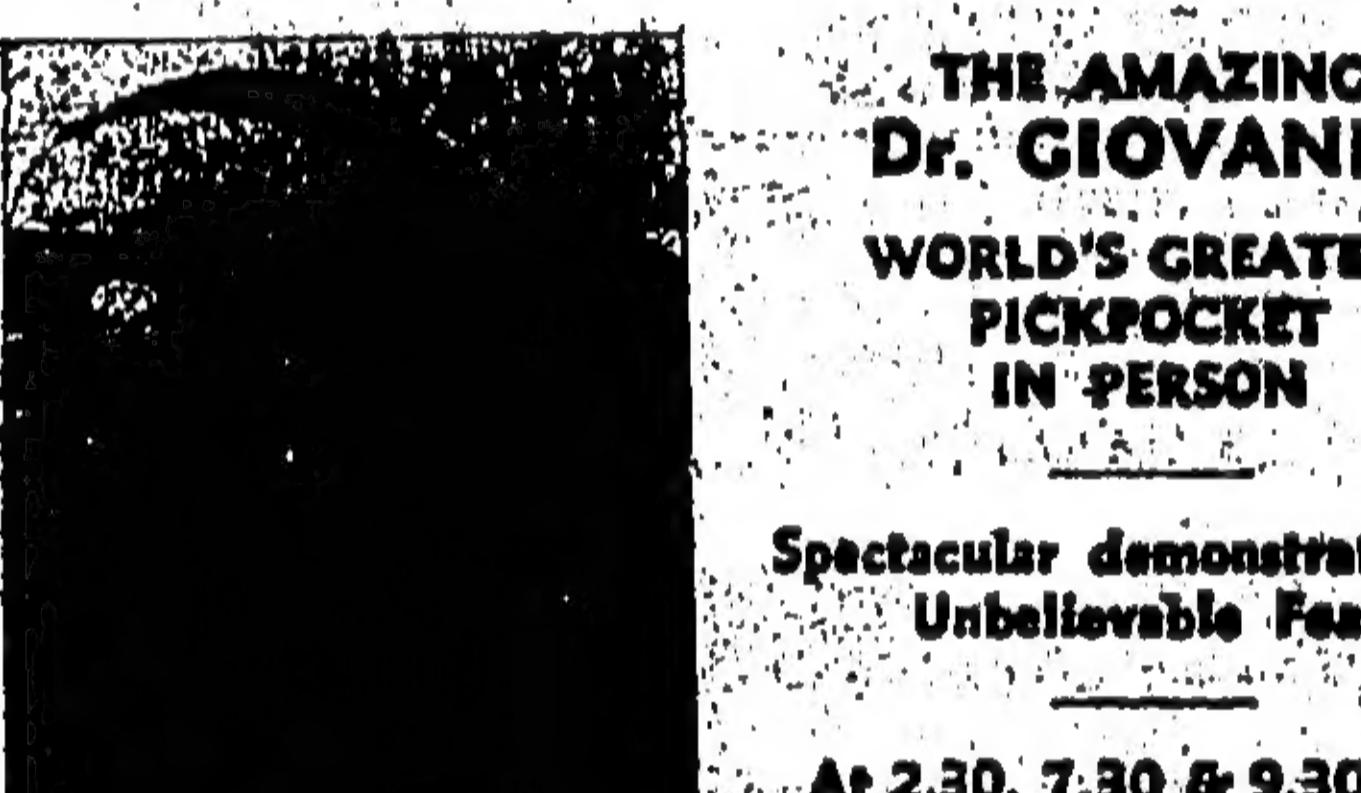
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Sherlock Holmes is investigating the mystery of the man who worships an umbrella he will never allow out of his sight. This man, a diamond-broker called Capbleasure, is also suspected by his wife of having stolen diamonds from his partner. But when Holmes and Dr. Watson arrive at his house in the morning to intercept a secret meeting, they find that Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard is also investigating the mystery. Lestrade intercepts a milkman on his rounds. Then Mr. Capbleasure makes an appearance at his front door, but he has evidently forgotten his umbrella. He goes back into the house—and disappears.

PART THREE . . .

SLOWLY the sky strengthened to such wintry brightness that the two gaslit windows, which I have mentioned as glowing from an upper floor, were paled by the sun. Ceaselessly the search went on, with far more police constables than seemed necessary.

At the end of a full hour, during which Holmes had not moved, Lestrade rushed out of the house. His face wore a look of horror which I know was reflected in my own.

"It's true, Mr. Holmes! His hat, his greatcoat, and his umbrella are lying just inside the front door. But—"

"Yes?"

"I'll take my oath that the villain's not hidden in the house, and yet they all swear he never left it either!"

"Who is in the house now?"

"Only his wife. Last night, after I spoke with him, it seems he gave the servants a night off. Almost drove 'em out of the house, his wife says, without a word of warning. They didn't much like it, some of 'em wondering where they would go, but they had no choice."

Holmes whistled.

"The wife!" said he. "By the way, how is it that through all this tumult we have neither seen nor heard Mrs. Gloria Capbleasure? Is it possible that

she has shouted Lestrade.

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pleasure. My telegraphed inquiry as to the 26 diamonds in the Cowles-Dertingham purchase was caused by caution. In making certain he had brought these diamonds safely home. If he took the diamonds, he had a perfect right to take them—Harold Mortimer Brown.

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"Pray enter," cried I as the wife informed us that on Tues-

day the door you 'returned' from an absence for Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Yesterday, in this room, your knob turned, 'for I have found

"Afterwards," said Holmes, "it was not difficult to trace you through the Purley Milk Company, or to send you the judiciously worded telegram which has brought you here. A photograph of James Capbleasure with a moustache eliminated, shown to your employer, disclosed the fact that he was the same man as one Alfred Peters, who six months ago applied for a post with the milk company, and obtained two days' leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday.

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"According to my figures I could retire at sixty with an income of \$2.30 per month."

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

WHAT do you feed these pigs?" asked the official of the agricultural committee. "Walnuts," replied the farmer impatiently. In went the report.

The wires hummed. Finally, an expert who had spent a weekend in the country as a boy was sent to the office. "Walnuts?" he asked. "No, said the farmer. The case is to be referred to the Ministry."

Suet and Mimie at the play

IT was bound to happen. During the first interval, by some mischance, the red-haired girl dropped her programme at Suet's feet. He was so taken aback that he had to keep himself at what he considered a decent distance. From each lady he retrieved the programme and handed back the other, an apologetic smile, handing it in the name of law to a usher. "Thank you so much," said Suet, with averted eyes, and continued in confidence. "I don't know," said the lady. "Oh, but I do." "Oh, well," said Suet. "I'm not afraid. He could tell her dismally. It was as though the very air had shouted "Darn!" in the vestry. "He had his trousers in the programme," dropped her programme, and Suet, "So, observe," answered Mimie, with the air of a marchioness whose butler has whispered,

Never details

Producer: Unless he was sitting on a ladder above the dining table, how could his trousers have fallen in the soup? Or was the soup on the dish as big as a bath, on the table? It would be kinder not to think too deeply into the mystery which has already estranged him from his family, and has got him expelled from a West End club.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

BORN today, you have a high degree of adaptability to people and situations. You are a born level, a restless, searching soul and although you may make what appears to be a temporary compromise with life, it is not for ever. You do forever. If conditions do not improve, you will "take steps" to see that they do. And this time, in your favour. You may be a diplomatic, pleasant and charming, but pushed a little farther than you think is right and you will be the worm that really turned!

Once your anger is aroused, it can be deep and lasting. You make a fine and typical, if an inflexible, lover—but you know how to hate as well as you can love. Your ideals are high and you will hold to them, no matter what happens.

CROSSWORD



ENGLAND WELL PLACED TO FORCE THEIR FIRST WIN IN TEST SERIES

Georgetown, Mar. 1. England were well placed to force their first win in the Test series on the final day tomorrow as a result of today's play in the third Test, at the close of which the West Indies were only 21 runs ahead with four second innings wickets left.

The scoreboard at the drawing of stumps was: England 435; West Indies 251 and 205 for six.

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Mulloy Upsets Art Larsen

Miami, Florida, Mar. 1. Gardner Mulloy, rallying from behind with a veteran's bag of court tricks, upset young Art Larsen today to win the Miami Invitational Tennis Singles Championship.

Mulloy, downed Larsen 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the final, resumed today after a mid-morn interrupted play on Sunday. The 40-year-old victor was defending champion in the tourney but was seeded no better than third behind Larsen.

Mulloy and Larsen then teamed to win the Doubles Championship with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Buddy Behrens and David Harum—United Press.

SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW

London, Mar. 1. The draw for the 4th round of the Scottish Cup made today resulted as follows:

Aberdeen v. Hearts, Hamilton Academicals v. Celtic.

Partick Thistle v. Motherwell, Third Lanark or Rangers v. Berwick Rangers.

Matches to be played on Saturday March 13. Replays, if necessary, on or before the following Thursday, March 18.

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Stollmeyer was caught at back-wicket short leg off Laker for 44.

Holt, who had a few narrow escapes, went on to become top scorer with 64. After being scored not out to a confident appeal by Evans for a catch when he was 52, he was beaten and bowled by Lock's leg-break. He had batted two hours 40 minutes for 64, hitting 11 fours. Other wickets fell at fairly regular intervals and at the close the West Indies were 21 runs ahead with six wickets gone.

With the pitch taking spin and the ball going through at varying heights, England stood a good chance of forcing a win.

"But the noisiest Saturday afternoon on the hill was a far cry from the affair at Georgetown.

"Cricket is a delicate enough plant without trials of this kind. It lies always at the mercy of the weather.

"It would be a great pity if to the list we had to add the words 'bottles and fruit stopped play'—China Mail Special.

Total (for six wickets) 205

Wickets fell at 78, 86, 120, 168,

180 and 200.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Statham	19	3	74	1
Bailey	10	8	31	2
Laker	22	10	39	1

World Cup Match

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 28. Brazil beat Chile by two goals to zero, after leading 1-0 at half time in the qualifying group 12 of the World Football championships here today.

Chile had previously been beaten twice by Paraguay in the group.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EIGHTH RACE MEETING

Second Day — Saturday 6th March, 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The Programme will consist of 10 races, including the First Race of the First Day of the 8th Race Meeting held on 27th February, 1954, the Windy Gap Handicap (1st Section), which has been declared void by the Stewards and which will be run as Race 1(A) on Saturday, 6th March, 1954, at 1.30 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.00 p.m. and the First Race run at 1.30 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.15 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The Draw which took place on Saturday, 27th February, 1954, for the Cash Sweep on the First Race of the First Day has been declared void.

Through Tickets for both days of the Meeting and for which Vouchers have been issued up to the Number 3850, will participate in Race 1(A), the Windy Gap Handicap (1st Section) to be run on 6th March, 1954, at 1.30 p.m.

All other tickets over Number 3850 on the 1st race of the 1st Day which has been declared void, are cancelled and money will be refunded on presentation of the tickets.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 2nd Day (6th March) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10.30 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

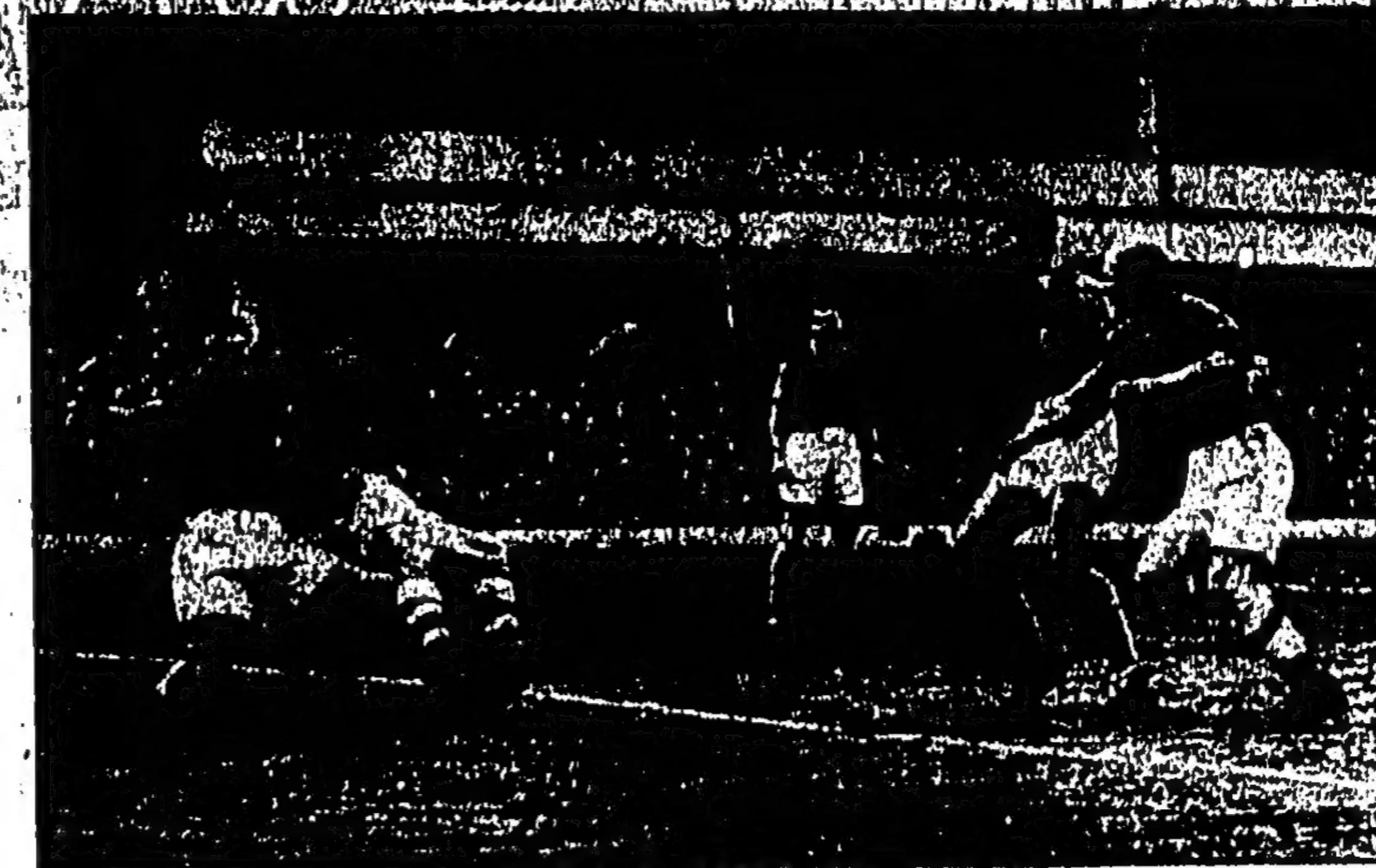
ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards
H. M. B. Secretary

WEST HAM v NOTTINGHAM FOREST



Cantwell, West Ham left back, in a tussle with the ball with Kelly, Notts inside-right, watched by Allison, West Ham centre-half, and Collingridge, Notts centre-forward, in the League match at Upton Park which ended in a one-all draw.

PROFESSIONAL PROMOTERS PREDICT

Baseball Will Ultimately Oust Cricket As A Major Australian Spectator Sport

Sydney, Mar. 1.

Professional promoters believe that baseball will ultimately oust cricket as a major spectator sport "Down Under."

Tennis adherents have made similar claims and they have got good grounds for so doing. Australia's three-year grip on the Davis Cup has raised interest in tennis to amazing heights.

It appears that the secret behind the success of baseball and tennis is that their non-stop speed, action and spectacle is in line with the sharpening tempo of modern Australian life.

Cricket is failing to find the imagination of the public, particularly among the young people. Already scores of schools have embraced baseball at the expense of cricket.

The ancient game of England, which made famous names like Bradman, Jardine, Grace, Huntington and Larwood, has become a game of players' records rather than a cheer-raising spectacle.

IT'S BOOMING

Crowds are dwindling and cricket associations are losing big money—but baseball is booming, and its nursery in many schools will ensure a never-ending stream of potential stars and fans.

There are amateur Baseball Unions in all Australian states and professional promoters are active in two states—New South Wales and South Australia. Night games in Adelaide are drawing crowds up to 12,000 and in Sydney turnstiles have clicked to the tune of 10,000 cash customers.

All states sent teams to a National Carnival in Brisbane last July.

Tentative plans have been made to bring an Australia for a series of international games with the ultimate hope of regular tests between the two countries.

Negotiations are also being made for a visit by "King Tut and his Diamond Funsters," a famous Negro combination which has developed trick hitting and pitching to almost the point of wizardry.

By the best United States standards the class of play in Australia is probably third rate. There are a few outstanding competitors but then the teams fall away sharply.

However, with the steady influx of young players and some experience of international competition, the next five years could see the scene transformed.

A NUDGE ALONG

Sporling goods manufacturers quick to sense the arrival of baseball in the near-big time are giving the sport a nudge along in a practical way. They are sponsoring several radio sessions mostly devoted to recorded talks on baseball by American League notables. The sessions have high listener-ratings.

It has taken 60 years of competitive baseball in this country to put it fair and square before the public.

The huge influx of United States troops during World War II was a shot in the arm for the sport. At that time the few enthusiasts played on out-of-the-way suburban ovals.

SWedes Again Hope To Surprise Tennis World

New York, Mar. 1. In 1951 Sweden believed it might be able to surprise America and Australia in the Davis Cup and many experts agreed with that appraisal, but Sweden suffered a humiliating 5-0 defeat in the Inter-Zone Finals at the hands of America.

Now, in 1954, Sweden has hopes again and its star player, Sven Davidson, is cautiously admitting that Sweden must be considered. Again the experts agree.

"Of course, we have a long way to go," said the tall, dark-haired Davidson in New York after he had won the 1954 American Indoor Championship. "But Sweden is hopeful, and we have Lennart Bergelin, Steffan Stockenberg and Torsten Johansson, all of whom have had much international experience."

MUCH IMPRESSED

New York tennis experts were much impressed by Davidson's game in the indoor nationals and said that if he gets enough experience on grass courts the amiable 25-year-old Swede will be among the world's best.

In the normal course of events Swedish players appear on grass only twice a year—at Wimbledon and Forest Hills—but Davidson (he says he prefers a one "w" in the spelling although his family spells it Davidson) is taking two years to concentrate on tennis.

Bergelin, who was good enough to beat Frank Sedgman of Australia in the Inter-Zone Finals in 1950, is trying a tennis comeback.

In 1950, Australia barely edged Sweden, 3-2, in the Inter-Zone Finals and then took the Davis Cup by beating America 4-1.

Bergelin and Johansson played singles for that year. Bergelin and Davidson doubles. In 1951 Bergelin and Davidson handled the singles for Sweden against America in the Inter-Zone Finals. In Australia and Ted Schroder and Tony Trabert each beat each Swede twice.

DIFFERENT STORY?

But 1954 could be a different story. Trabert still is the big man for America but the U.S. will have no one in 1954 to match the Schroeder of 1951. Vic Selkirk probably will team with Trabert again, and either Bergelin or Davidson, playing the games they are capable of, would be at least an even bet against Selkirk at his best.

Davidson has shown he can play on even terms with the best. He held a match point against Ken Rosewall at Forest Hills last year and has beaten Mervyn Rose of Australia in four of five matches and Ross Hartwig in the one match they have played. He lost to Lewis Walrath.

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HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

REFEREES LOOK FOR STIFFER PENALTIES

"Once again the all-powerful Football Association has shown that it is frightened of the Football League clubs, who, in their attitude to the game, are undoubtedly ruining football."

Strong words, those. Who are they? They were voiced to me by a famous referee after he had learned of the action taken by an FA Commission dealing with players who had been sent off the field for misconduct in recent games.

Make no mistake about it, the idea is growing in many circles close to football that the Football Association is more scared of offending the League clubs than anything else.

And the referees, those chaps who have to attempt to keep cool and calm while everyone around them might be going haywire, have for a long time been voicing the opinion that when they do get tough, as they are so often exhorted to do by those in high places, they don't get the backing they feel they have every right to expect.

"Frankly, when we see the reports of Commission of Inquiry

Underwater Club To Be Formed Here

An association of underwater fishermen and explorers, to be known as the Hongkong Underwater Club, is to be formed in the Colony. An inaugural meeting will be held in the Committee Room of the European YMCA, Kowloon, on March 8 at 5.30 p.m.

The provisional aims of the Club are:

To promote and encourage underwater fishing and exploration for the love of the sport, health and recreational benefit.

To arrange such demonstration, talks, and training programmes as will assist beginners in learning the safe and scientific use of harpoon guns and other underwater equipment.

To frame such rules as will ensure the safety at all times of members participating in Club activities.

To frame such rules as will encourage sensible conservation of fish and crustaceans.

To abide by local legislation governing the use of harpoon guns.

To promote good fellowship and co-operation between members by practising the sport together in spirit of mutual assistance.

To encourage the sport as a potential source of scientific knowledge and act as a clearing house for such observations and studies as members may from time to time report.

To discourage the sale of fish taken for commercial profit.

Membership of the Club is open to all interested in or aspiring to become underwater fishermen and explorers who are willing to abide by Club rules in spirit and the letter.



Guarding Our Secrets

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less effort—fewer fences, fewer guards, and less money. The day we lose sight of this is the day we will weigh ourselves down with the armour of security to the point where it will seriously hamper our work. Security, therefore, is not an abstract problem, but a very real, a very practical, a very specific, and a very fluid problem.

I recall one instance some time ago when a gentleman who was a member of Congress became concerned about the effort the Commission was making to keep track of fissionable materials. He thought it might be improved. As I remember, his conversation with one of the members of the Commission staff went something like this: "Do you really know exactly how much fissionable material you have in process in that plant?"

"We have a good idea, since we know how much we put in."

"But do you know how much is actually in process in the plant?"

"No. It doesn't come out until many months later. We'd have to shut the plant down to find out, and that would take time, and production would be lost."

"Well, suppose you shut the plant down, once every month and took inventory. Just exactly how many days of production would you lose each month?"

"About forty-five."

I told this story only to give an extreme example of a place where a line had to be drawn because the cost of security far exceeded the value.

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IP BEATS DAO 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

ONE OF THE GREATEST TENNIS MATCHES EVER SEEN ON A LOCAL COURT

By "ARGONAUT"

Yesterday's semi-final of the Colony Grasscourt Open Singles Championship, which resulted in Ip Koon-hung, five times winners of the title, triumphing over his South China clubmate K. C. Dao by 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4 and qualifying to play Edwin Tsai in the final could easily go down in history as one of the greatest matches seen on a local court.

It saw during the four sets a delightful display of aggressive tennis by a vastly improved Ip, who not only produced a more confident and masterful touch and greater power to his wide repertoire of strokes but also a wide array of newly-acquired strokes.

His modified first service, particularly the outswinger from the right court, was a winner on a number of occasions and the backhand cross-court drop volley and forehand short-cross drive have now become two more lethal weapons in his armoury.

His coverage of the net was more complete and only in his forcing drives, though improved in power and length, did Ip leave room for more accuracy.

ON THE GAME

If the match saw a tremendously improved Ip reaching new heights, it also firmly installed K. C. Dao as the greatest fighter in the Colony's tennis history.

Ip opened with blistering services, drives and volleys and in almost a twinkling had served two love games and taken a lead of 3-0.

A quick and early finish to the match was the expectation of practically the whole crowd except Dao himself.

Fighting back valiantly, he kept on sending back well-nigh irretrievable shots and from then on not only made his opponent really earn every point but also fall into repeated errors at different stages of the game.

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HANYANG ... Indonesia & Singapore Noon 3rd Mar.
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Leads Sails

"PELEUS" ... Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow 5th Mar. 6th Mar.

"AUTOMEDON" ... Liverpool & Glasgow 13th Mar. 14th Mar.

"ATREUS" ... Liverpool & Dublin 23rd Mar. 24th Mar.

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"PATROCLUS" ... Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow 5th Apr. 6th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Leads Sails Arrives

"PELEUS" ... Liverpool Sailed Rotterdam Hong Kong 10th Mar.

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"CYCLOPS" ... 3rd Mar. 7th Apr.

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"LAOMEDON" ... 18th Mar. 22nd Apr.

"ANCHISES" ... 24th Mar. 28th Apr.

Leading Glasgow before Liverpool S. Loading Swans before Liverpool.

Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load and discharge cargo.

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"TELEMACHUS" ... Sailed N.Y. Sailed S.F. Arr. H.K. 18th Mar.

"DONA NATH" ... do Sailed 2nd Apr.

"MANGALORE" ... 25th Feb. 10th Mar. 17th Apr.

"AJAX" ... 11th Mar. 2nd Apr. 2nd May

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Accompanied by his wife (left), M. Coty (right), the new President of the French Republic, makes his first public appearance—attending the premiere of "Oberon," the famous Weber opera—held in Paris in aid of victims of the recent Greek earthquake. Prince George and Princess Olga of Greece, (centre) were among the notabilities attending.—Express Photo.

To Care For The Homeless And Destitute Of Paris:

Abbe Pierre Organised His 'Ragpickers Of The Lord'

Paris, March 1.

More than 1,000 tons of material were collected one day last week when 675 benevolent workers with 80 vehicles carried out "Operation Glory Hole" organised by Abbe Pierre, the "ragpickers' priest," for the benefit of the homeless.

It was estimated the various trucks made about 1,000 trips to collect the material. Old metal objects, recovered to be sold, were estimated at some 25,000,000 francs (about \$71,000). The value of the old clothes, furniture, stoves, etc., was probably well over 30,000,000 francs (about \$85,000).

The three storage centres, including the St Sulpice Church, one of the biggest in Paris, proved insufficient at the end of the morning and more space had to be provided.

Black-bearded 42-year-old de Gaulle, semi-crippled by paralysis in his arms.

Always one step ahead of the Germans, the Abbe Pierre moved from Grenoble to Lyon and then to Paris. He was seized by the Gestapo, escaped again and this time crossed the Pyrenees and Spain to reach Algiers where he set to work for the French Provisional Government.

Thanks to his efforts, hundreds have been rescued from death and from the Arctic winds which swept their night dormitories under the Seine bridges and among the flimsy drift boxes of the central markets.

Thanks to his example, the whole nation has been caught up on an unprecedented wave of charity and the Government has been stirred to emergency action to meet one of France's most urgent needs—housing for the poor.

This man, who has pricked the conscience of the nation, is now a born evangelist. He has been a wartime resistance worker, a Member of Parliament, a leader of the world citizen's movement, and latterly owner, builder and head of a shanty-town for one-line down-and-outs, now known as the "Ragpickers of the Lord."

Eccentric, Fanatic

Until the cold struck this winter and the death roll began to mount, Father Pierre was regarded by some as an eccentric, by others as a fanatic.

Today the photograph of his lean, ascetic face, bearing a curious resemblance to that of Saint Francis of Assisi, appears in every newspaper. His voice has appealed to millions through their radio sets. His name is a household word.

The Abbe Pierre was born in Lyons, the son of a rich silk merchant who sent his son to study at a Jesuit college. His name then was Henri Gruber, but he took the pseudonym "Abbe Pierre" in the wartime resistance movement and has been known by it ever since.

At 18, he distributed his heritage to the poor and entered a Capuchin monastery. Eight years later, poor health forced him to give up the cloistered but rigorous life, and he became a parish priest.

He was in Grenoble when the war broke out and it was while an assistant priest at Grenoble Cathedral that he joined the French underground, in July 1942.

Seized By Gestapo

He helped to smuggle escaped prisoners, foreigners and Jews over the mountain frontiers into Switzerland. He transformed his room into a laboratory for the manufacture of false documents.

Arrested by the Italians, he escaped and took to the mountains, forming resistance groups in the Chartreuse and the Vercors, in south-eastern France, and publishing a clandestine newspaper.

He helped Jacques de Gaulle, brother of the General, to evade the clutches of the Gestapo and guided the hunted man over the Alps to Geneva. Part of the way, he had to carry Jardine

ton. Each month, they sell 60 tons of metal, 25 tons of rags and paper, and 30,000 bottles.

Members of the band, who have to undergo a trial period before acceptance, receive food, lodging and 300 francs (about £7-10) a week. But money is always scarce.

When he was a Deputy, the Abbe Pierre used his salary to keep the community going. After his retirement, he often went into the streets to beg for food. Once, when funds were exhausted, he took part in a radio "double or quits" programme—and came away with 250,000 francs (£250), another time, he won half a million (£4,500).

Last January 3, the winter claimed its first victim—a nine-months-old baby living in an unheated caravan in one of the priest's shanty-towns. That same day, in Parliament, the French Minister of Reconstruction, M. Maurice Lemaire, was opposing a proposed 1,000 million franc credit for emergency housing settlement.

The Abbe Pierre invited the Minister to attend the child's funeral and Lemaire, trudging behind the little cortège over muddy fields, promised that something would be done. Now, he has announced that 12,000 emergency housing units will be built before the end of the year.

He was elected then, and again in 1946, to the first National Assembly. Throughout his parliamentary career, he fought for the workers and the dispossessed, and finally broke with his party over Government strike-breaking methods in Brest. He remained in the Assembly as an independent until 1951, when he decided not to stand for re-election.

It was while he was a Deputy that the Abbe Pierre became the friend of the homeless—because he was homeless himself. Driven out of his comfortable flat near the Parliament buildings by high rent, he scoured the city for accommodation until he came across a large, derelict two-floor villa surrounded by a 5,000-square metre park in the suburb of Neuilly-Plaisance.

The house, abandoned before World War II, had been pillaged by passing soldiers. The rain seeped through its sagging roof to the cellar. There were no windows, no electricity, no heating and no ceilings. No one wanted it and the rent was negligible.

The Abbe Pierre moved in, patched up the building himself and named the property "Emmus", after the biblical village on the road to which Christ appeared to two disciples after His Resurrection.

Strange Colony Born

One freezing winter night, the priest found a family huddled under the trees of the Vincennes woods. Two children had died from the cold, a third was dying. The priest took them into his house and a strange colony was born.

The grounds of Emmus, today crowded with tents, wooden shacks, old buses and trucks, have welcomed hundreds of vagabonds, unemployed, beggars, ex-convicts, disabled, homeless and poor working folk.

Many have gone on to new lives with new trades learnt from Father Pierre. Some have found lodgings though crude and pitiful, in one of a dozen shanty towns established in and around Paris under the priest's guidance.

But about 200 have remained to form a self-supporting society of builders, odd-job men, and ragpickers. The builders learnt first to make their own shanties habitable and today are putting up permanent houses.

But he believes that he is winning.

He has awakened the French conscience and, he says, "I consider it my duty to prevent those confidences from going to sleep again." —China Mail Special

THE CHINA MAIL COMMERCE SECTION

INDIA'S HUGE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

60 Million Said To Be Out Of Work

New Delhi, March 1.

With some 60 million people or nearly one-sixth of India's population reported to be idle, unemployment is one of India's pressing problems today.

In Delhi hundreds of job seekers wait at the city's single employment exchange from morning till evening. Most of them return home disappointed. A similar position exists at any of India's 139 Government employment exchanges.

Every month an average 125,000 persons register for jobs and the exchanges have the difficult task of sharing among these applicants about 20,000 jobs.

Economists say that in India during the past few years there has been no expansion of employment opportunities proportionate to the increase in the labour force.

The great increase in India's population (about 42 million in

the last 10 years), urbanisation of her rural areas resulting in migration of villagers to the city in search of work, a general trade slump and the consequent closure of several industries have all contributed to create the present number of unemployed.

This year about 400,000 graduates will come out of the 30 Indian universities to swell further this huge figure.

An estimated five million youths who will complete their secondary school course this spring will face a much harder fate—that of competing with graduates for clerical jobs.

TOO MANY CLERKS

Of the half million persons on the registers of the various employment exchanges, more than 85 per cent are young men under 24 wanting clerical jobs. While there are shortages of skilled stenographers, compounders, electricians and other technicians, all the labour exchanges show a surplus of clerical applicants.

Educationalists and economists alike blame the present system of Indian education for this. They argue that while India sorely needs doctors, engineers and other technical personnel, Indian universities are merely turning out clerks.

The unemployment problem is even more acute in the country-side, where there are millions without jobs.

Mr Tolleson stated the following projects undertaken under the five-year plan for developing the country's natural resources have given jobs to thousands of workers. But the rate of investment in the plan has been slow and not sufficient to meet the increase in the available labour force.

FOREIGN CAPITAL NEEDED

If the entire Government budget were spent on such projects there would still be millions unemployed.

The decrease of foreign investments in the country has also adversely affected the employment situation.

According to India's Ministry of Finance the total disinvestment of foreign capital in India during the period 1947 to March 1953 was £43,051,076, while investments in the country totalled only £20,104,725.

"We recognise we must do everything to encourage investment in private enterprise," India's Finance Minister, Chintaman Deshmukh, said recently.

POLITICAL QUESTION

India has already said she would welcome foreign investments in the country but investors complain they have not yet received from the Government sufficient assurance that their investments will be safe.

Unemployment has become a big political question in India. Opposition parties, particularly the Communists, have been quick to exploit the present problem. Many have come out with quick remedies to cure this "disease."

While the Indian Government has so far been unable to solve the unemployment problem, it is aware of the fact that Communism's most willing recruits can be found outside an employment exchange.

A satisfactory solution according to one well-known

German Fleet's Foreign Earnings Fall

Hamburg, Mar. 1. The West German Merchant Fleet in 1953 earned 404,000,000 Marks worth of foreign currency, about 94,200,000 Marks less than in 1952 owing to lower freight rates, the West German Transport Ministry announced.

The Ministry said today that the decline was in spite of higher tonnage available.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$754,749.80. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank XD 1600 1610 3 1,500

East Asia 100 100

Standard 100 100

Union 100 100

SHIPPING Asia Nav. 110

Dock Etc. 110

White 75

Providence (Old) 13,000 1,500 12,700

Wheelock 7,000 9 500 6

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

Moment Of Truth

SOME men live their lives through without being confronted with that poignant, sharp-edged split second of time, which is sometimes called the moment of truth. The moment when alibis disintegrate and a man sees himself as he is, not as he had hoped he was.

For Maurice, the moment of truth came as he walked down a street in Westminster a week or two ago.

Maurice is a lean, long-jawed, clean-shaven man, by training and profession a soldier until not long since; and as well as by his medal ribbons, you can read from police records, the bands in which he has served.

For Maurice, as often a good soldier, never amounted to much as a man. He was dishonest, but his skill at arms outweighed for a good many years his other unreliability.

SHIPPED HOME

THUS, he would be promoted, to corporal, to sergeant, and then be stripped of his stripes for some disreputable crime. He would make good again, and seem to obliterate all past folly; again become a sergeant. Then the old process would be repeated.

At last abroad, Maurice overstepped himself and committed a crime too serious. He was discharged from the Army and shipped home. For the first time since boyhood he was a civilian again.

He was fit, had no dependents, and knew what he wanted to do. He applied for training as a bus-conductor and was told: "Very well, you'll do, now go to this address and get your ticket."

NO MONEY, NO JOB

THE address he was given was that of the police licensing office, and Maurice set off, on foot. On the way, he walked into the moment of truth.

He suddenly saw himself as the police might see him, though it is doubtful whether they, in face of the bus company's assurances, would have bothered much about his past. Maurice slowed his step, paused for a moment, then turned on his heel, away from the police office.

Now he had no money, no job. Two or three days later he was arrested for hanging around parked cars and trying the doorhandles of those in which goods had been left.

A SKILLED MAN

HE pleaded not guilty at Bow Street, but the charge was proved and Mr. R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, remanded him.

When Maurice came back the probation officer went into the witness-box. "It's a great pity about this man," he said. "He's capable of good things. If only he hadn't lost his nerve, he'd have made a good bus conductor."

"He's a skilled man, as most infantrymen have to be these days. He says he thinks he would like to get away from London, and I think that may be best for him."

The magistrate nodded, and turned to Maurice. "I think it's just as well the police stopped you when they did," he said. "You might have got into serious trouble."

NEW START—AT 41

MAURICE nodded in grey, gloomy agreement. He was put on probation. He went off to make, at 41, a new start; and his chances were probably better than they ever had been before, for he had passed through the moment of truth—and survived.

Pope 78 Today

Vatican City, Mar. 2. Pope Plus XII began the 79th year of his life and the 18th of his reign today (Tuesday) confined to his iron-postered bed in the Vatican and facing prolonged treatment for an encroaching illness.

The Vatican City newspaper *Osservatore Romano* issued a brief statement on the Pope's health yesterday on the eve of his twin anniversaries—his 78th birthday and his election as supreme Pontiff of one out of every five persons on earth—the 400,000,000 followers of the Roman Catholic faith—United Press.

ROYAL CAVALCADE

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh continue their triumphant way in Victoria, and from all accounts they are enjoying it no end.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

No Punches Pulled In The Report On Liquor Trade

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 26.

This week the Government released the report of Mr Justice Maxwell on his findings as Royal Commissioner into Sydney's liquor trade.

How important Sydney regards this can be judged from the fact that one paper brought out the entire report in a special edition, and the only events to warrant special editions in our memory is war and peace.

The report pulls no punches. It's hot, but... well, maybe it comes too much as an anti-climax. It's not the rip-snorting document that just about everyone said it would be.

The issue of this report is the culmination of the most explosive Royal Commission in Australia's history.

Every day during the long hearing newspapers throughout Australia carried headlines revealing widespread blackmarket activity, serious charges against police officers, suggestions of protection for nightclubs and baccarat schools and large-scale taxation frauds.

People who had associated the world of large-scale sly-cropping, gambling dens and intimidation of witnesses with America's ugly prohibition period, were startled to learn that it was all taking place in their own city.

SEVERAL SHOCKS

Shocks at the Commission included the disappearance for two months of two men sought by the police to give evidence: two mystery women witnesses whose names have never been revealed; fears of violence by witnesses compelled to testify against liquor blackmarket operators; the number of well known businessmen who were finally unmasked as liars and blackmarketeers, and immediately the Commission ended eight men were arrested on charges of having given false evidence.

The Commission first sat on September 10, 1951 and the final witness was heard on October 2, 1952. Three and a half million words of evidence were given in that time, not including the addresses of 10 council. The QC who appeared for one big brewery firm addressed the Commissioner non-stop for six days.

BIGGEST GAMBLE

The biggest gamble in Australia at present is not horse racing—but oil.

Thousands of shares are changing hands each day, prices rising and falling like a row boat in a choppy sea.

There was a slightly deeper downward surge this week, however, when Mr. J. W. Thomas, manager of West Australian Petroleum Pty. Ltd., announced that drillers have found no new oil or traces of oil at Rough Range, Exmouth Gulf, since the first find in November.

That, one would think, would be sufficient to scare anyone away. But as fast as sellers want to sell, buyers, convinced that Mr. Thomas is bluffing, buy up.

Mr. Thomas added that the depth of the drill hole now was 6,642-ft and a depth test was being made.

The latest thing that Sydney-siders must suffer is a plague of flies.

- Suggests more club licences.
- Wants some wine saloons wiped out (Many are a disgrace to community and warrant, perhaps, more attention by the police).
- Cafes should be able to serve liquor with meals for a longer period.
- Doesn't suggest an end to the system whereby breweries own hotels.

It remains now, of course, to see what the Government proposes to do about all this.

NOT QUITE SO GOOD

Now the report has been released... the book is not so good as the picture... He strongly criticises 6 p.m. closing, proposes a system of staggered hours for drinking.

Experts admit that these creatures have been steadily on the increase for the last five or six weeks and blame the stretch of humid weather we have been having—"Jungle Heat," according to old soldiers.

Mr. Thomas added that the four conspirators balked at answering personal questions. Mrs. Lebron said she is the mother of two children, a boy and a girl. But she would not say where they live. She said she operates a sewing machine in a New York factory.

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"Didn't Intend To Kill Anyone"

Washington, Mar. 1.

Mrs. Lolita Lebron said tonight she and her three companions sprayed the House chamber with bullets today to "gain freedom" for Puerto Rico but they did not intend to kill anyone.

Facing newsmen and photographers at the police headquarters, along with her three grim-faced companions, Mrs. Lebron said they chose today for the shooting because of the opening of the Inter-American Conference at Caracas, Venezuela.

"I am not sorry what I did," she said in broken English. "Tomorrow, in future centuries, people will understand."

The four would-be assassins stood silently as newspaper and television cameras snapped their pictures. They showed no emotion. None was handcuffed, and each police stood directly behind them to prevent any attempt at escape.

The three men showed little inclination to answer questions and let Mrs. Lebron do most of the talking. Even she declined to talk after a policeman told her she did not have to answer the questions if she did not want to.

Mrs. Lebron said all four are members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, which is on the Attorney-General's list of subversive organizations.

NOT SORRY

One of her companions, Rafael Cancel Miranda, said he was not sorry for his part in the plot. But he said, "Any way for independence is right."

He and Mrs. Lebron would not say when they chose the House chamber for the shooting. They merely said, "We wanted to make a demonstration for our independence to awaken many Puerto Ricans who live in New York."

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CLAIM AGAINST BANK

Specific Transaction Illustrated By Counsel

An illustration of a specific transaction of an importer requiring a bank to finance payment of his import into Hongkong, was given by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Senior Counsel for the Defence when hearing of a claim for return of deposits continued before the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The claim is for repayment of HK\$2,590,171.96 with interest thereon or alternatively the equivalent of US\$449,504.43 or alternatively damages, and is claimed to represent margins paid in Hongkong in Hongkong currency in connection with the importation of goods from abroad.

The claim was brought by the China Mutual Trading Company, 13-27 Ice House Street, against the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) Society, Anonyme, Edinburgh House.

The Defence is that the margin had, at the request of the plaintiffs, been converted into U.S. dollars and that they were held by the defendants in U.S. dollars in the United States. As a result of the freezing regulations passed in December, 1950, the monies had been blocked and could not be returned.

Representing the plaintiffs are Mr. John McNeil, QC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, all instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan of Messrs. Lau, Chan and Ko.

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